IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: DISPENSER FOR SOLID OBJECTS:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 6, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The December 6, 2006 Office Action indicated that the election of Species III made in the October 3, 2006 Response did not identify the claims reading on Species III and was thus non-responsive.

The present Amendment identifies such claims, as required.

Of note, the original Restriction Requirement was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 20, 2006 and a Response thereto was timely filed on October 3, 2006. Since the December 6, 2006 Office Action indicating that the October 3, 2006 Response was non-responsive did not set a period for reply, it is respectfully submitted that the present Amendment is being timely filed. However, to the extent that an extension of time is required in connection with the present Amendment, a Petition is hereby made for an extension of time of appropriate length and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee to the Greenberg Traurig LLP Deposit Account No. 501561.